

# Lions Caring and Sharing Projects

## **By definition, a Lions Caring Project is:**

- A project which features person-to-person interaction.
- A project which involves a selfless donation of time and talent.
- A project which addresses human needs.

Lions Caring Projects may vary according to the needs of the local community. Before planning a Caring Project, Lions clubs should complete the Lions Community Needs Assessment (MK-9).

## **Lions Caring Projects often address:**

- The needs of children;
- Community needs;
- The needs of the elderly;
- The environmental needs;
- Healthcare needs;
- The needs of persons in other countries;
- Human welfare needs.

## **Examples of Lions club or district Caring Projects:**

- The Gyor Lions, Hungary, arranged for 300 people to undergo free glaucoma tests.
- In Bangladesh, District 315-A1 Lions distributed food and clothing to flood victims.
- The Klamath Falls Lions, Oregon, USA, helped 150 children build birdhouses.
- Members of the Fort Collins (Poudre Valley) Lions, Colorado, USA, built a wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.
- Every year, Lion Dr. Jim Vitale of the Plaistow Lions Club, New Hampshire, USA, conducts eye exams for more than 250 seventh-grade students.
- The Kartini Lions Club, Indonesia, organized a successful blood drive.
- In Honolulu, Lions and Leos volunteered to help “Hawaii’s Walk for Diabetes and Family Fun Day.”
- Last year, the Toledo Host Lions, Ohio, USA, collected 20,000 pairs of used eyeglasses.

## **Sharing Projects**

After successfully completing a Caring Project, Lions are encouraged to share their news among local Lions clubs and the general public. Consider sending a press release to your local newspaper.

Sharing the details of a Caring Project fulfills two objectives. First, it informs other Lions clubs who may want to replicate or adapt the project to fit the needs of their community. Second, when non-Lions learn about a successful Lions Caring Project, it may generate interest in becoming a Lions club member.

### **Food for Thought**

- Exchange newsletters and twin with another club or two within the district and/or multiple district.
- Hold a joint meeting with another Lions club.